

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-17 and 23 are canceled.

Claim 31 is new.

Claims 18 and 30 are amended.

Support for amend Claim 18 is found at page 8, lines 5-8, and page 5, lines 10-15.

Support for new Claim 31 is found at page 5, lines 10-15.

Upon entry of the amendment, claims 18-22 and 24-31 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added.

35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection of Claims 18-20, 22-23 and 26-30 over Anderson U.S.

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and

35. U. S. C. 103(a) rejection of Claim 21 over Anderson in view of MacDonald U.S.

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All objections of Claim 23 are obviated by cancellation of Claim 23.

Applicants have amended Claim 18 to describe: 1) the pH as being less than or equal to 4.5; and, 2) the halogenated vinyl polymers are vinylidene-chloride polymers wherein the vinylidene-chloride polymers comprise at least 50% by weight of vinylidene chloride.

Anderson, at column 4, lines 55-62, describes a pH of from about 5 to 8. Additionally, Anderson, at column 2, lines 29-31, describes that the vinyl chloride monomer comprises at least about 50% by weight of the entire monomeric component. Applicants submit that a pH of less than or equal to 4.5 is distinguished from Anderson, who describes a pH from about 5 to 8. Applicants further submit that a vinylidene-chloride polymer is distinguished from

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Anderson, who describes a vinyl-chloride polymer. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of both the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a) rejections.

35 U.S.C. Rejection of Claim 20

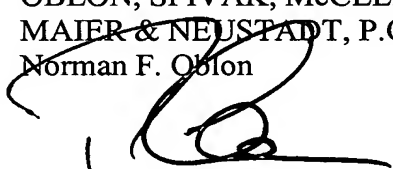
Applicants believe the Office has made an error in rejecting Claim 20. Accordingly Applicants response to this rejection is two-fold. Because the Office erred in rejecting Claim 20, Applicants request withdrawal of this rejection for Claim 20.

Assuming arguendo, that the Office meant to reject Claim 30, Applicants have amended Claim 30 to claim antecedent basis to "the another basic agent" of Claim 18.

Applicants request early notification of the passage of all pending claims to issue.

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